

Remarks

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination. The Office Action dated July 31, 2007 rejects claims 10, 11-18, and 20, and indicates that claims 1-9 and 19 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-9 and 19.

This paper cancels claims 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20, amends claims 11-13 and 16, and adds new dependent claims 21-25. The amendments to claims 11-13 and 16 are so that such claims now depend from the allowed independent claim 19. Accordingly, claims 11-13 and 16 are allowable for at least this reason. The newly added claims are all dependent claims depending directly or indirectly from either allowed claim 1 or from allowed claim 19, and therefore are allowable as written for at least this reason. Support for the new claims 21-25 can be found in paragraphs [0075] – [0080] and [0103] of the Applicant's specification. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 16, 19, and 21-25 are now pending in the present application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Office Action rejects Claims 10, 11, 13-18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Viswanathan (U.S. Patent No. 7,065, 037) in view of Watanabe (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0004352) and Lim (U.S. Patent No. 7,221,674). The Office Action also rejects Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Viswanathan and Lim as applied to claim 10, and further in view of Kong (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0176450).

In view of the cancellation of claims 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 and of the amendments to claims 11-13 and 16 so that these claims now depend from allowed claim 19, and because newly added claims 21-25 all depend directly or

indirectly from an allowed independent claim, Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections are now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests early favorable action by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicant's representative would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned at (508) 303-0932.

Respectfully submitted,

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